

IDOE REGION 6 OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

October 2014

Dates to Remember:

All Schools

- *A-F Accountability grades embargoed until SBOE approval Oct. 15*

Focus/Priority Schools

- *Regional F/P meeting Oct. 16th, 3:30-5:30*



memo to focus and
priority school leaders

HELLO!

We hope that everyone has had a great start to this school year. Please remember that the Region 6 Outreach Coordinators are your support and look forward to working with you!

AROUND THE REGION:

Message from Superintendent Ritz,

"I would like to announce the release of part one of "The State of the Classroom" series for 2014. This series will detail the current state of the classroom for students, educators, and parents throughout the state in the coming weeks. Video of my remarks can be found at: www.doe.in.gov/stateoftheclassroom."

"I have proposed a 3% increase in tuition support over the current biennial budget for public education. This means our schools will get much needed flexibility in their budgets to help all students and educators deal with steady increases in their fixed costs, such as transportation, utilities and technology. [Read my attached Memorandum.](#)"

RESOURCES:



ISTEP Ref. Sheets CCRA ECA Guid.zip



Resources.zip

<http://www.doe.in.gov/elearning/virtual-option-inclement-weather>

DOE INFORMATION:

- **MEMORANDUM:** Indiana Department of Education's Chief State Attendance Officer and your local health department are required to report absences greater than 20% (511 IAC 1-2-2). The reporting requirement is by individual school, not school corporations. Reports should be emailed to Catherine Danyluk, Chief State Attendance Officer at cdanyluk@doe.in.gov or 317/232-9150 or Jolene Bracale, Coordinator School Health Services at 317/232-0541, jbracale@doe.ing.gov.

- **MEMORANDUM:** Important ISTEP+ and ECA assessments updates. The [attached information](#) is also being shared with educators attending the statewide professional development sessions regarding standards and assessments in September and early October. Corporation Test Coordinators will continue to receive detailed information regarding assessments in the coming months.

- **MEMORANDUM:** Indiana Department of Education Family Friendly Schools Program: The purpose of the program is to focus on addressing the academic, physical, emotional and social needs of students while providing the needed resources and fostering the active involvement of their families through schools and the community. The principal of a school wishing to be designated as a Family Friendly School must submit an application packet for IDOE assessment no later than Friday, October 24, 2015 <http://www.doe.in.gov/familyfriendly>

- The 2015 Summer of eLearning grant application is open now through October 24th. Last year these grants supported 19 eLearning conferences around our state, providing opportunities for thousands of Indiana educators to learn about teaching and learning in technology-rich environments. Learn more and apply to host a world-class professional learning opportunity in your district: <http://www.doe.in.gov/elearning/summer-elearning-grant-application>

- **Whole Kids Foundation: School Garden Grant Program** Whole Kids Foundation is dedicated to supporting schools and inspiring families to improve children's nutrition and wellness. The Foundation's School Garden Grant Program provides support for edible gardens at schools serving any grade K-12. These grants of \$2,000 are awarded to schools and nonprofit organizations working at schools in the U.S. and Canada. Consideration is given to new or existing garden projects at any stage of development - planning, construction, or operation, that help children engage with fresh fruits and vegetables. Applications may be submitted from **September 1 through October 31, 2014**. Visit the Foundation's website to complete the online application.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Available through the Northwest Indiana Education Service Center, (219) 926-5555
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Professional Development

October	10/7/2014	Day Five of Implementing the New Indiana College and Career Readiness ELA Standards for Grades K-12.
	10/7/2014	Teacher Evaluation That Makes a Difference
	10/14/2014	Day One of Implementing the New Indiana College and Career Readiness Math Standards: Grades k-2
	10/14/2014	Digital Planetarium Training
	10/15/2014	Day Two of Implementing the New Indiana College and Career Readiness Math Standards; Grades k-2
	10/21/2014	Day One of Implementing the New Indiana College and Career Readiness Math Standards; Grades 3-8
	10/21/2014	Session One: Building a Common Vision
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	10/22/2014	
	10/22/2014	Day Two of Implementing the New Indiana College and Career Readiness Math Standards; Grades 3-8
	10/28/2014	Day One of Implementing the New Indiana College and Career Readiness Math Standards; Algebra 1
	10/29/2014	Day Two of Implementing the New Indiana College and Career Readiness Math Standards; Algebra 1

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